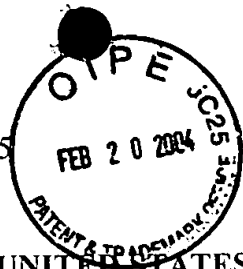


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Sir:

This Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated August 26,
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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: